

H.S. No. 5158

AN ACT AUTHORIZING BOW AND ARROW HUNTING ON SUNDAY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Testimony before the Environmental Committee.

February 7th, 2011

Hello, my name is Richard Wade. I live in Portland, CT. I am offering this testimony to support bill # 5158 regarding Bow and Arrow hunting on Sunday under certain circumstances.

I am a blue collar worker with a fulltime job Mon.-Fri. Sometimes overtime is offered on Saturdays and if offered, I'll take it. I am also starting a family. I have a beautiful wife, one son (18mo.), and another child due any day now.

I consider myself an avid Bow Hunter. I try to go Bow Hunting whenever possible, but with a fulltime job, a family, and if the weather is permitting, getting in the woods seems impossible for the majority of the hunting season. I can't speak for all the bow hunters, but I do feel that the majority of the bow hunters are in this same predicament.

The hunting season only consists of 16 weeks. Taking into account family events, work, the holidays, and weather, I was only able to enjoy my hobby 6 or 7 days, out of those 16 weeks. It just doesn't seem fair to have to pay for a license to do something that I want to do, and yet only able to do enjoy my hobby 6 or 7 days out of the year.

There have been many times that I had an opportunity to actually go bow hunting on Saturday and the weather was horrible, while the following Sunday the weather was just fine. Then another week goes by. The option to be able to go out and enjoy bow hunting on Sunday, when I don't have to work, don't have any family events, and the weather is perfect would be so beneficial to my life, and the State of Connecticut.

Sunday Bow Hunting would help control the population of deer much more. We need that extra day a week, to help control the population. Every year the deer population rises, and so does the number of car accidents caused by deer.

As a hard working conservationist, husband, and father of two I strongly recommend that Legislation accept this bill.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely, Richard Wade

